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Application of: SRIVASTAVA *et al.*

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Examiner: F. Pierre Vander Vegt, Ph.D.

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR THE TREATMENT AND
PREVENTION OF GRAFT
REJECTION USING HEAT SHOCK
PROTEINS

Attorney Docket No.: 8449-025-999

PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2001, in which a restriction requirement was imposed, please consider the following remarks and enter them into the file of the above-captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) for two months, from February 3, 2001, up to and including April 3, 2001.

REMARKS

A restriction requirement has been imposed under 35 U.S.C. § 121, requiring election of one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits, each of which is alleged to encompass a separate invention:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 6-21; directed to treatments using heat shock protein-antigen complexes, classified in class 424, subclass 184.1.
- II. Claims 4-20; directed to treatments using non-complexed heat shock proteins, classified in class 424, subclass 278.1.
- III. Claims 22-24 and 27-31; directed toward kits comprising heat shock protein-antigen complexes and an immunosuppressive agent, classified in class 530, subclass 403.